

U.S Physical & Political **Geography**

Chapter 1

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Chapter One Vocabulary

1. Geography: _____

2. Latitude: _____
3. Longitude: _____
4. Natural Resources: _____
5. Irrigation: _____
6. Push Factors: _____
7. Pull Factors: _____
8. Region: _____
9. Chef M.I.M.A.L.: _____
10. 4 Corners: _____

Notes

Section One: Geography

I. Geography is the study of _____, their _____, and their _____.

a. Geographers explore two questions:

i. How does the natural environment affect _____?

ii. How do _____ the environment that we live in?

II. 5 Themes of Geography

a. Geographers developed 5 themes to help them study _____ between _____ and their _____.

b. Theme 1: _____

i. Used to explore _____ something is on the Earth's surface.

ii. 2 types of location

1. _____ location

a. Identifies the precise location of something on the _____.

b. Exact location can be identified using _____ and _____ or by specific _____.

2. _____ location

a. Identifies location of one place in relation to _____.
(Ex: Clarks Summit is northwest of Scranton)

c. Theme 2: _____

i. Used to explore an area's _____ and _____ features.

1. Examples of physical features

a. _____, _____, bodies of water, etc...

2. Examples of human features

a. _____, religion, _____, housing

d. **Theme 3:** _____

i. Used to explore the way humans and their environment _____
_____.

ii. When humans and their environment interact, one of two outcomes is possible.

1. _____ (EX: Clothing, AC)

2. _____ (EX: Irrigation)

e. **Theme 4:** _____

i. Geographers study the movement of _____ and _____
from place to place.

1. Why do people move?

a. Push Factors: _____

b. Pull Factors: _____

2. How do people move?

3. What do they take with them?

a. _____ -Ex: _____, _____, _____

b. _____ - Ex: _____, _____, _____

f. **Theme 5:Region**

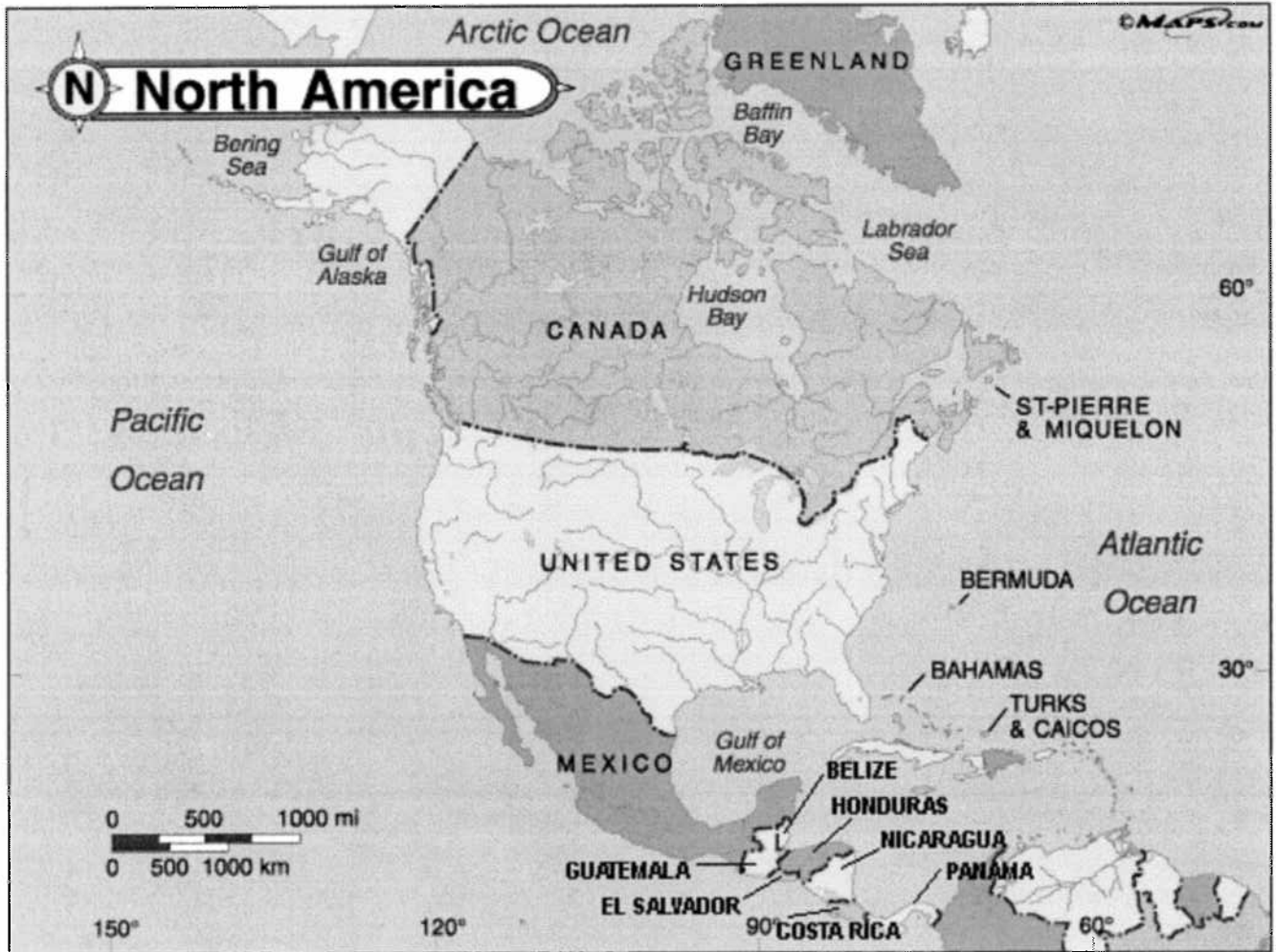
i. Region refers to an area with certain _____
_____.

ii. Examples: _____, _____,
Latin America

Section Two: United States Geography

I. Location of United States

- a. The U.S. is located in the continent of _____.
- i. North America is in the _____ and _____ hemispheres
- ii. North America extends from _____ to _____ and includes _____ countries/territories



II. Political Makeup of the United States

- a. The United States is made up of _____, each with its own _____
- b. The nation's capital is _____.

- c. The United States is made up of _____ territories including _____, _____, _____, _____, _____, _____.

III. Physical Makeup of the United States

- a. The 50 states are divided into 8 geographical regions

1. North Atlantic Region

- a. Many states borders the _____
b. Land is _____ and _____ and therefore is not suitable for farming.
c. Winters are _____ and _____, Summers are _____ and _____
d. Home to the nation's largest city: _____
e. Includes _____, _____, _____, _____, _____ and _____

2. Mid-Atlantic Region

- a. Land is fertile and good for farming food like _____ and _____
b. Many natural resources: _____, _____ and _____
c. Heavily _____
d. Includes _____, _____, _____, _____, _____, _____, and _____.

3. Southeast Region

- a. Most states border the _____ or the _____
b. Long _____, fertile soil and abundant rainfall make it perfect for growing _____ and _____
c. Includes _____, _____, _____, _____, _____, _____, and _____.

4. Midwest Region

- a. Part of the _____ and _____
- b. Abundance of flat fertile land make it perfect for _____
- c. “_____” of the United States-_____, _____,
_____, _____
- d. Includes _____, _____, _____, _____,
_____, _____, _____, _____,
_____, and _____

5. Southwest Region

- _____ and very _____
- _____ has allowed the southwest to become habitable. Many people move there for the warm, dry climate
- Includes _____, _____, _____, _____, and _____

6. Rocky Mountain Region

- Landscape is dominated by the _____
- Modern _____ has made it possible for people to live and work in the mountains.
- Includes _____, _____, _____, _____, _____ and _____

7. Pacific

- Ranges from _____ and _____ to _____ and _____.
- Has a long coastline that borders the _____
- popular tourist destinations
- Growing _____ and _____ industries
- Includes _____, _____, _____, and _____

8. Pacific Northwest

- a. Varies greatly in _____ ranging from moderate to arctic.
- b. Large coastline bordering the _____
- c. Includes _____, _____, _____, and _____.

- b. The United States is home to a wide variety of different geological features and landscapes. To help you become familiar with the Geography of the United States, complete the map assignment of the next page.

Map exercise: Using page 622 of your textbook, locate and label the following places on your map:

Rivers and Waterways

(Shade or Trace in blue)

1. Mississippi River
2. Missouri River
3. Columbia River
4. Snake River
5. Arkansas River
6. Red River
7. Colorado River
8. Ohio River
9. Great Salt Lake
10. Lake Superior
11. Lake Michigan
12. Lake Huron
13. Lake Erie
14. Lake Ontario
15. Lake Champlain
16. Atlantic Ocean
17. Pacific Ocean
18. Gulf of Mexico

Mountains

(Label mountains already provided on your maps)

19. Appalachian Mountains
20. Rocky Mountains
21. Cascade Mountains
22. Sierra Nevada Mountains

Mountains (Continued)

(Indicate individual mountains with a single filled in Δ)

23. Mt. Rainier
24. Mt. McKinley

Plains

(Shade each plain green)

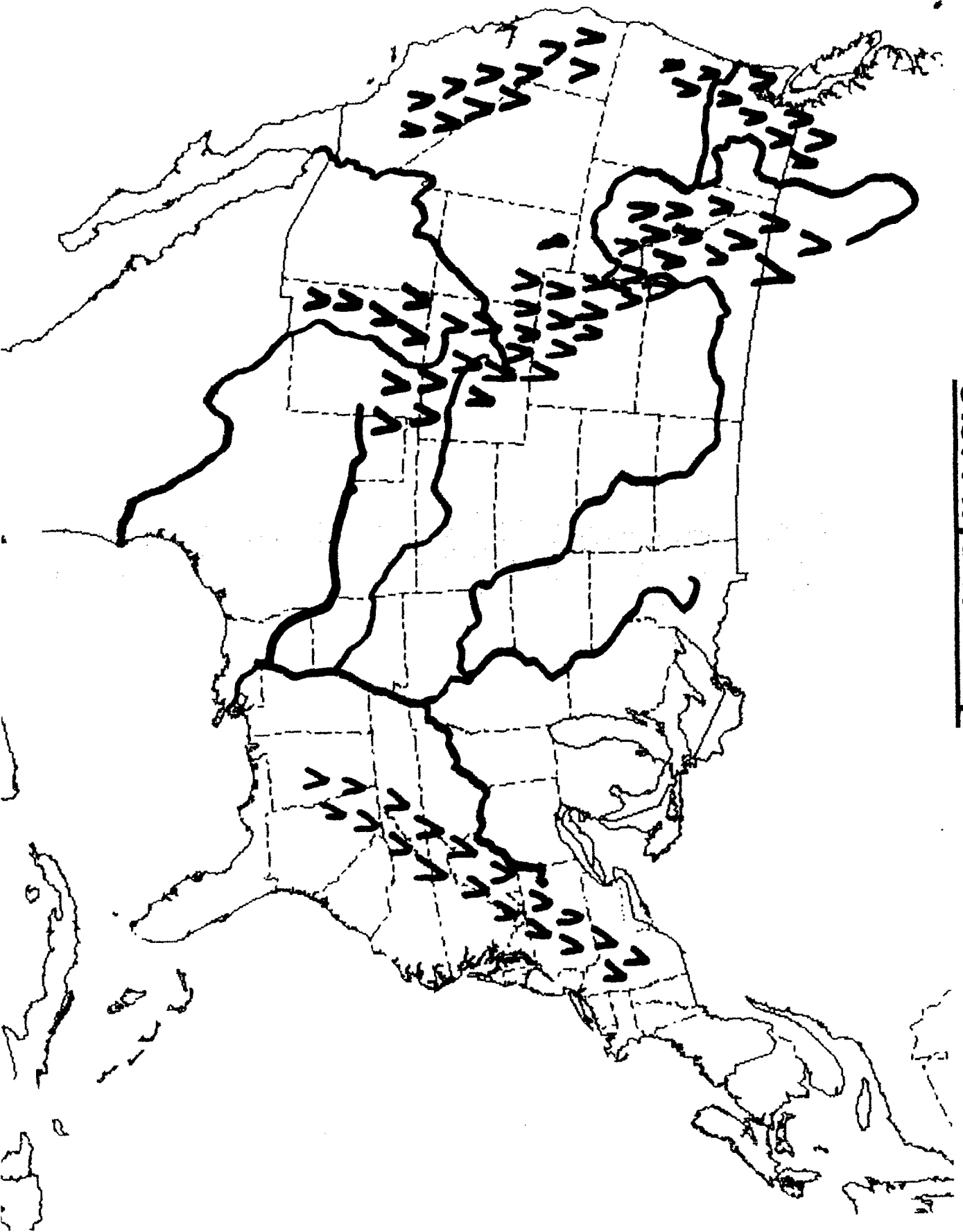
25. Great Plains
26. Interior Plains
27. Gulf Coastal Plain
28. Atlantic Coastal Plain

Canyons

(Place a box around each canyon)

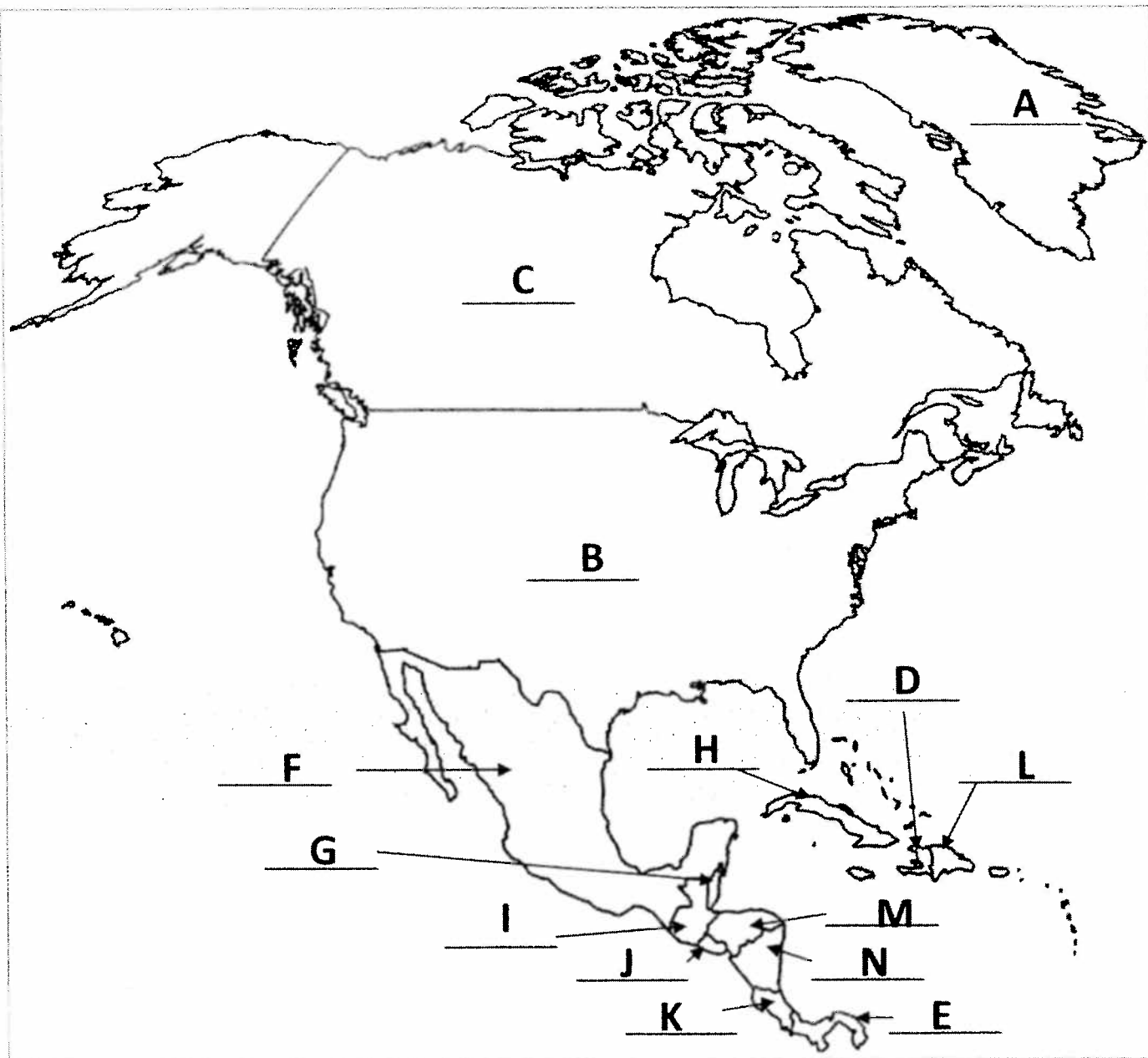
29. Grand Canyon

U.S. Physical Map



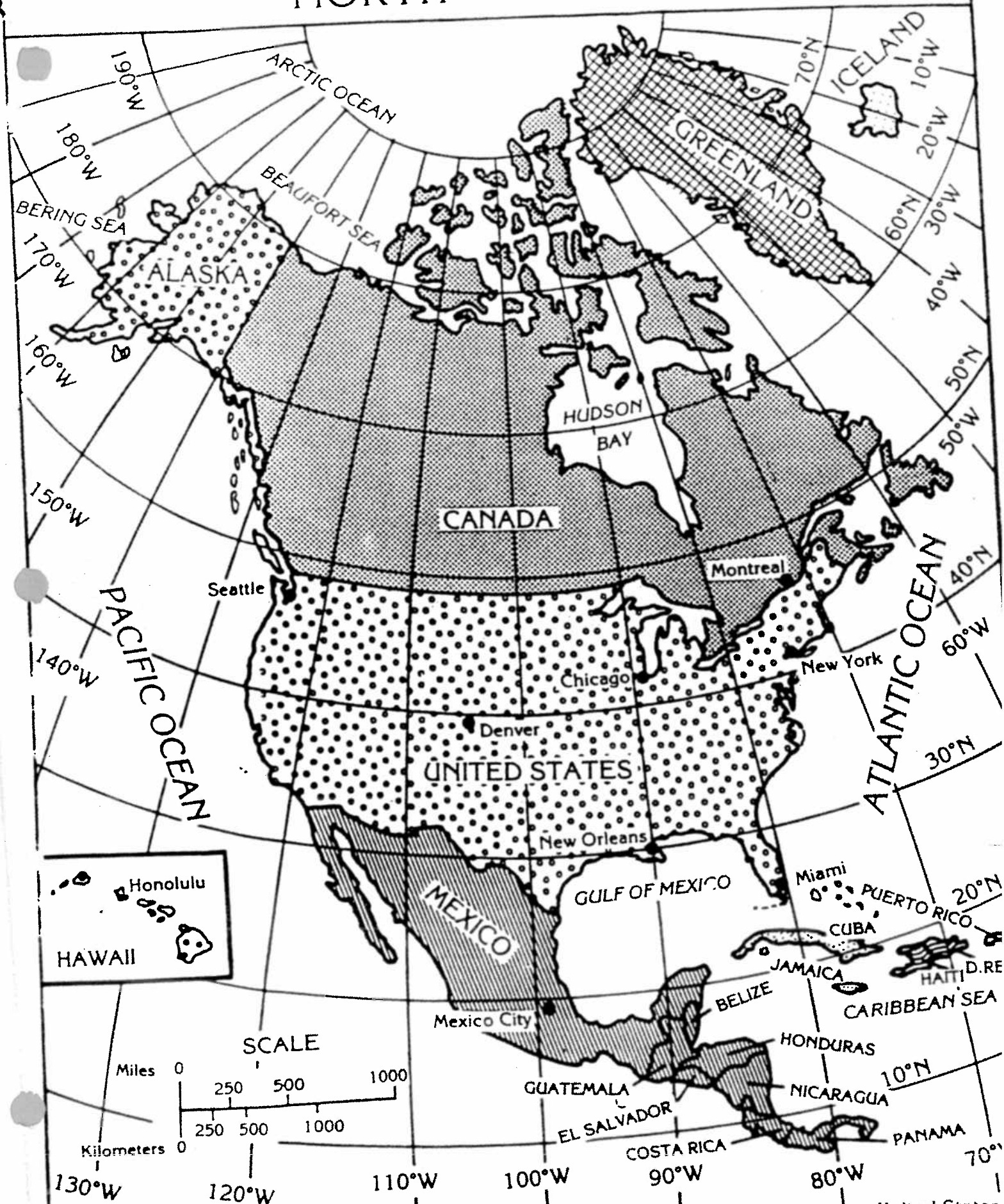
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North America Practice Map



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|-----------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| 1. United States _____ | 6. Greenland _____ | 11. Honduras _____ |
| 2. Canada _____ | 7. Belize _____ | 12. Guatemala _____ |
| 3. Panama _____ | 8. Costa Rica _____ | 13. Haiti _____ |
| 4. Jamaica _____ | 9. El Salvador _____ | 14. Cuba _____ |
| 5. Dominican Republic _____ | 10. Nicaragua _____ | 15. Mexico _____ |

NORTH AMERICA

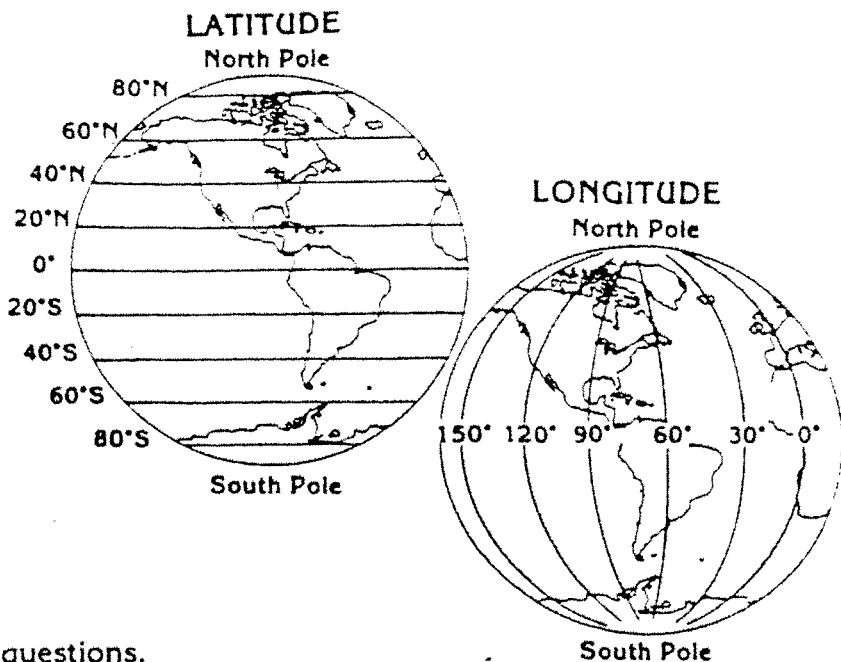


DISCOVERING FACTS ABOUT NORTH AMERICA

Map-makers draw two sets of imaginary lines on maps and globes to locate places on the earth. One set of lines running from east to west is called lines of latitude. One line is exactly halfway between the North and South Poles. It is called the equator and is numbered 0° latitude. The other lines (parallels) measure distance north and south of the equator. Each degree of latitude is equal to about 70 miles (112 kilometers) on earth.

The other set of imaginary lines is called lines of longitude (meridians). These lines run from the North Pole to the South Pole. The starting place for measuring longitude is 0° and is called the Prime Meridian. Distances are measured in degrees east or west up to 180° .

Use the map of North America to answer these questions.



1. What countries of North America extend above the 40° N. Latitude? _____
2. What countries of North America extend below the 30° N. Latitude? _____
3. Through what North American countries does the 100° W. Longitude extend? _____
4. Through what North American countries does the 60° W. Longitude extend? _____
5. Write the name of the North American city where each set of latitude and longitude numbers crosses.
 - a. 42° N and 88° W _____
 - b. 19° N and 98° W _____
 - c. 39° N and 104° W _____
 - d. 46° N and 74° W _____
6. If each degree of latitude is equal to about seventy miles, then how much farther north is Seattle, Washington, from Denver, Colorado? _____
 How much farther south is New Orleans, Louisiana, from Denver, Colorado? _____
7. What is the approximate latitude and longitude where you live? _____
8. Between what degrees of latitude does most of the United States lie? _____
9. Between what degrees of longitude do the fifty states extend? _____
10. Name the countries of North America. _____

Answer the following on another sheet of paper.

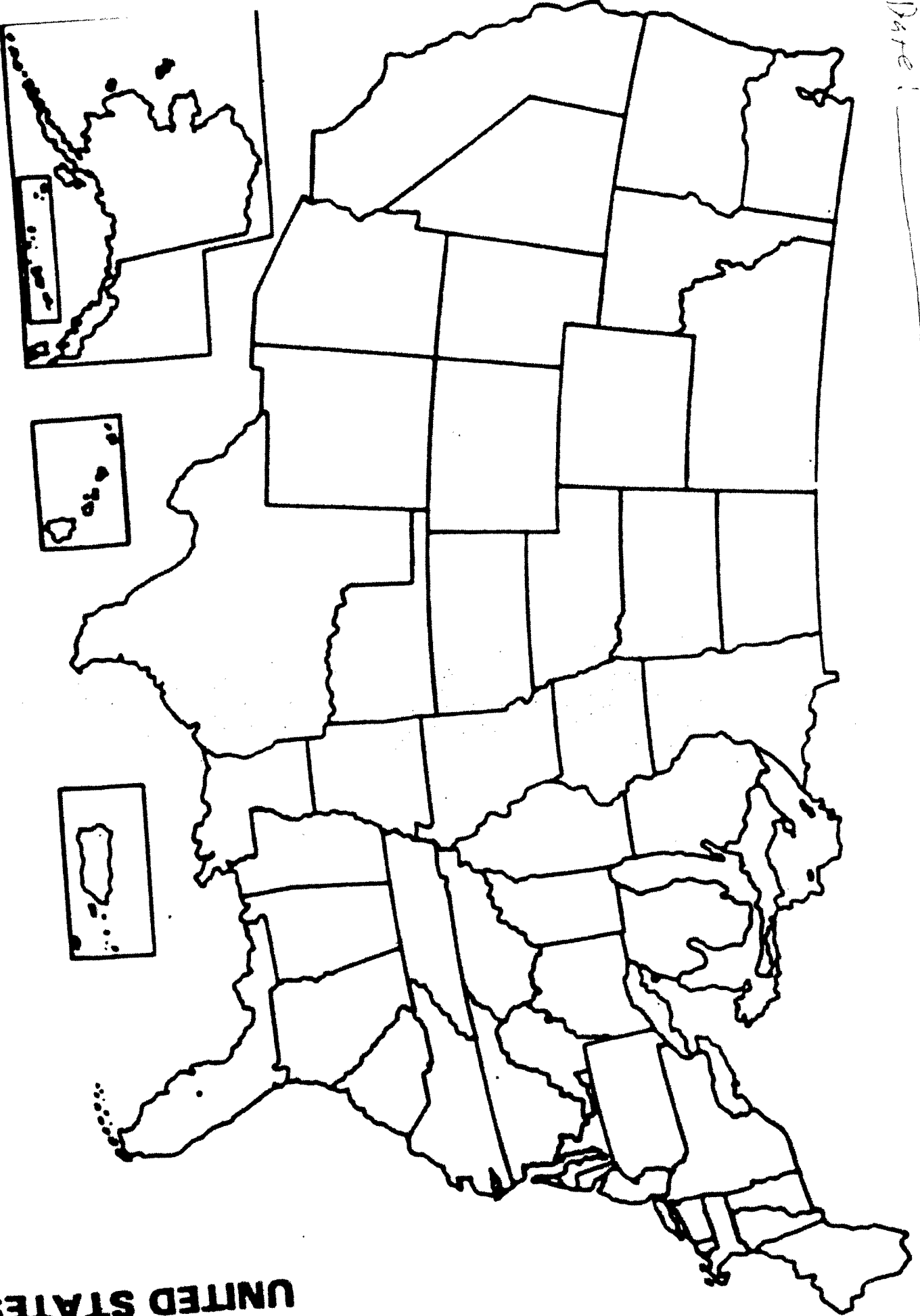
11. Using the map, describe some likely differences and similarities between life in the cities of Montreal, Quebec (Canada) and Miami, Florida (United States).
12. Is Greenland an accurate name for that island? Why?
13. Above the 60° N. Latitude is the polar region. What states are in this region? What type of growing season would you predict? Why?

Name. _____

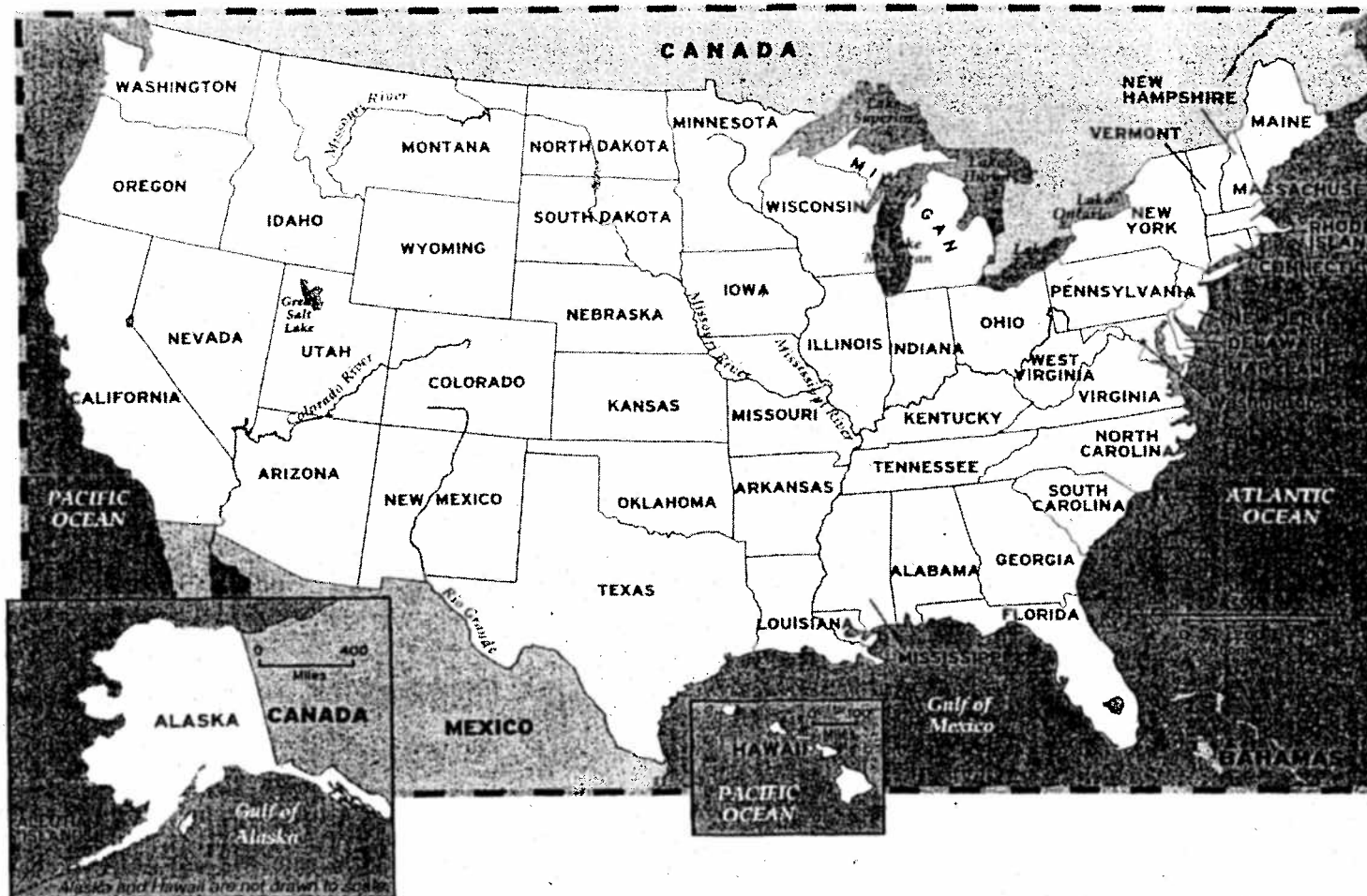
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100. _____

UNITED STATES



EXPLORE THE U.S.



QUESTIONS

11. Which of the contiguous 48 states is the farthest east?

12. How many states share a border with Mexico?

13. Washington, D.C., is surrounded by which two states?

14. The Rio Grande empties into which body of water?

15. Which state is the smallest?

16. Which of the five Great Lakes is entirely within the U.S.? _____
17. Which state is completely surrounded by the Pacific Ocean? _____
18. The Missouri River begins in which state?

19. Which is the northernmost U.S. state?

20. How many states border the Mississippi River?

STATE ABBREVIATIONS

To speed the delivery of mail, the post office has made up a list of state abbreviations. People should put these abbreviations on letters they are mailing.

AL: Alabama	LA: Louisiana	OH: Ohio
AK: Alaska	ME: Maine	OK: Oklahoma
AZ: Arizona	MD: Maryland	OR: Oregon
AR: Arkansas	MA: Massachusetts	PA: Pennsylvania
CA: California	MI: Michigan	RI: Rhode Island
CO: Colorado	MN: Minnesota	SC: South Carolina
CT: Connecticut	MS: Mississippi	SD: South Dakota
DE: Delaware	MO: Missouri	TN: Tennessee
FL: Florida	MT: Montana	TX: Texas
GA: Georgia	NB: Nebraska	UT: Utah
HI: Hawaii	NV: Nevada	VT: Vermont
ID: Idaho	NH: New Hampshire	VA: Virginia
IL: Illinois	NJ: New Jersey	WA: Washington
IN: Indiana	NM: New Mexico	WV: West Virginia
IA: Iowa	NY: New York	WI: Wisconsin
KS: Kansas	NC: North Carolina	WY: Wyoming
KY: Kentucky	ND: North Dakota	

Print the 50 abbreviations on the map of the United States. Use a map in your textbook to help you find the location of each state.



- (1) What is the abbreviation for your state? _____
- (2) What are the abbreviations for the states which border your state?
- (3) What are the abbreviations of states where you have relatives or friends?

Name _____

Section _____

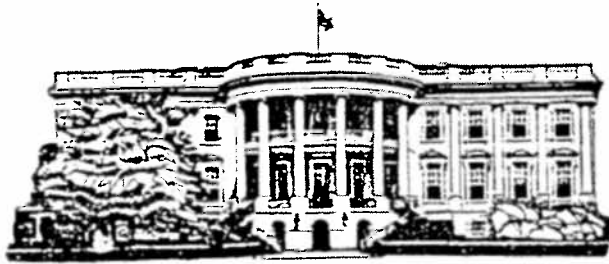
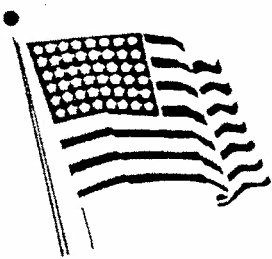
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KNOW THE STATES AND CAPITALS

Use the Political Map to answer these questions.

Write the name of each state next to its postal abbreviation.

AL _____	AK _____	AZ _____
AR _____	CA _____	CO _____
CT _____	DE _____	FL _____
GA _____	HI _____	ID _____
IL _____	IN _____	IA _____
KS _____	KY _____	LA _____
ME _____	MD _____	MA _____
MI _____	MN _____	MS _____
MO _____	MT _____	NE _____
NV _____	NH _____	NJ _____
NM _____	NY _____	NC _____
ND _____	OH _____	OK _____
OR _____	PA _____	RI _____
SC _____	SD _____	TN _____
TX _____	UT _____	VT _____
VA _____	WA _____	WV _____
WI _____	WY _____	



II. Complete the chart by writing the names of the states in column B that border the bodies of water or countries shown in column A.

A	B (BORDERING STATES)
Pacific Ocean	
Atlantic Ocean	
Gulf of Mexico	
Canada	
Mexico	
Russia	